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Air District's New Program Replaces Old Wood Stoves

(Davis, CA) – The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (District) is now offering a new incentive program for low-income residents that live within the District to replace their old, non-EPA certified wood stove, fireplace insert or open-hearth fireplace with a newer, cleaner burning device.

Why Wood Stoves?

This program was created to help reduce the air pollution that comes from wood smoke, which contains fine particulate matter (PM2.5), black carbon, toxic air contaminants and greenhouse gas emissions. During winter months, weather conditions and elevated uses of fireplaces and wood stoves raises the levels of fine particulate matter in the air and traps wood smoke closer to the ground and the air people breathe.

“Many people don’t realize that wood smoke is a major source of air pollution,” says Public Information Officer Jenny Tan. “We hope residents take advantage of this free program to improve the air quality for their families and communities.”

Eligibility

- At this time, only residents that are in a low-income assistance program (WIC, CARE, LIHEAP) or make a total household income of less than \$49,454 a year are eligible. District residents that are not low-income but apply for this incentive program will be placed on a waitlist.
- Residents must live within the District’s boundaries, which encompasses all of Yolo County and the northeastern portion of Solano County that includes Dixon, Rio Vista, and Vacaville.
- Residents must use their current old, non EPA certified wood stove, fireplace insert, or open hearth fireplace as the primary source of heat in the home.

Applicants do not need to be homeowners to be eligible; this program is available to both homeowners and renters. For rental properties, formal approval from the property owner will be required as part of the approval process. Approved applicants will receive a voucher of up to \$3,500 to be redeemed at a participating retailer.

For more information about this program, call the District office: (530) 757-3650, email: woodstove@ysaqmd.org. or visit the District's website: <https://www.ysaqmd.org/incentives/wood-smoke-reduction-program/>.

This project is supported by the California Climate Investments (CCI) program, a statewide initiative that puts Cap-and-Trade dollars to work by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy and improving public health and the environment. For more information about the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, including signing up for air quality alerts and the monthly newsletter, visit: www.ysaqmd.org. Connect with the District on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/YoloSolanoAir or on Twitter at: www.twitter.com/YoloSolanoAir.

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